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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application prior to examination.

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 9, 14, 19-20, 22-23, 25, and 27 as follows:

- Sub B2  
A1
1. A method of detecting a transition in an incoming signal from a known previous logical state, comprising:
    - obtaining an oscillating reference;
    - receiving an incoming signal; and
    - comparing the oscillating reference against the incoming signal using a differential amplifier to detect a transition in the incoming signal relative to the known previous logical state.